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REMARKS

Consideration of the captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is requested.

5 The specification has been amended to refer to the priority applications.

Claims 1-12, 15-18 and 21 are currently pending. Claims 3, 5-6 and 15 are currently amended and claims 13, 14, 19 and 20 are hereby cancelled, without disclaimer of or prejudice to the subject matter deleted therein.

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Accordingly, the claims pending and under consideration are claims 1-12, 15-18 and 21.

Early favourable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

15 Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 1-12, 15-18 and 21.

Respectfully submitted,

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